Plan Provision for the Development of North-Eastern States

2437. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have no plan provision to bring up the infrastructure development of the North-East States during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is a fact that 10 per cent cut for the development of North-Eastern States from each Central Ministry is not agreed by some Ministry; and

(c) if so, what steps are contemplating to bring up the development of North-Eastern Region at least upto the National average?

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(Rs. in crore)

Name of State	Irrigation & Flood Control	Energy	Transport	Total
1. Arunachal Pradesh	279.95	460.41	929.51	1669.87
2. Assam	710.42	852.72	996.99	2560.13
3. Manipur	320.60	353.34	399.68	1073.62
4. Meghalaya	98.00	318.00	481.00	897.00
5. Mizoram	18.11	224.21	272.27	514.59
6. Nagaland	57.00	117.00	305.40	479.40
7. Tripura	194.01	174.54	367.37	735.92
8. Sikkim	41.00	343.00	160.00	544.00

(b) the number of matters and issues relating to the Government of Andhra Pradesh pending with Government and the time since these cases are pending;

(c) the reasons for the delay, if any, in the final disposal of these cases; and

(d) by when all pending issues are likely to be sorted out?

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In addition, about 80% of the Ninth Plan Budgetary Provision of Rs. 2450 crores of the North Eastern Council (NEC) has been allocated for development of infrastructure like Water, Power Transport and Communications in the North Eastern Region.

(b) It is a fact that some Ministries/Departments have expressed their inability to earmark 10% of their budgetary provisions for the North East and Sikkim owing to the very nature and scope of their schemes/programmes.

(c) For accelerating the pace of development in the North Eastern Region, apart from higher Plan allocations, funding by NEC, provision by Central Ministries and Departments, and assistance out of Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources, efforts are being made to mobilize additional resources by involving National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC). The per capita Plan allocation for the North Eastern States is much higher than national average.

Pending Issues relating to Andhra Pradesh

2438. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in The Hindu, dated the 25th November, 1999 under the caption "AP concerned over Centre's indifference";